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Dear Mr. Garrison

I have prevailed on Aaron to allow me to copy the enclosed, to send to you for insertion in the Liberator, provided, such disposition of it should meet your approval. —

You are doubtless aware that he has been in Rochester during the month, speaking Sunday mornings in the Unitarian Church — the audiences are small, but equal to those spoken to by Mr. Channing & greater portions

of the time he spent here. —

Yesterday, A. gave his fourth lec-
ture, the enclosed, — his first
was on the subject of "Personal
religious character" — the second
"The Mission of Liberal Christianity",
the third "Acceptable Worship" —

All have been listened to with
marked interest — every ^{body} expresses
great satisfaction in their in-
tellectual ability, and admira-
tion of the loving spirit that
breathes through them. — And
many say, "I wonder if Mr.

Powell could not be induced
to continue to speak to us" —

but it is a question, whether
he ought in his present debili-
tated state, to make the mental
effort necessary to prepare a

new discourse every week -
he has been able to do so thus
far, only by the most careful
attention to diet, exercise and
regular sleep - and the almost
entire denial of social inter-
course with his friends - Indeed,
he has remained at my Father's
only making a few visits at Q. D.'s -
one day visiting prostrates him -
the following day - unfits him
entirely for intellectual work -
is far more exhausting to him
than the speaking of Sunday -
he has written out in full,
nearly one half of each discourse,
and given the balance extempore -
the discipline of reading has
been capital for him, leaving
him to make far less physical
effort in speaking - can he but

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acquire a perfectly easy habit of delivery, he will be able to do much more, and more effectively than ever before, even should his health be no more vigorous than now, or in year past - excuse me for being thus particular, but I felt that you are interested, fully equal to any & all of us in the hope that Aaron may be saved to the cause of the slave, in this life sphere, as long and as fully as the best of physical discipline will allow -

We are often to me all in our heart of hearts, exclaim, "Oh that he had a strong and vigorous body to match his rare moral and intellectual nature".

He is to give two more lectures

here, the next an Christian
 manhood and womanhood -
 the 6th and last on "Immortal Life" -

I ought to add, that notwithstanding
 standing Aaron's mental labors,
 he feels that he is really gaining
 strength from day to day - I
 hope he may escape the terrible
 colds consequent upon the sudden
 changes of this season of the year.
 He may be continue to improve.

But I have never seen him in
 so feeble a condition of body -

I think, could he continue
 to speak in Rochester as he
 is now doing, and be entirely
 out and apart from even the
shadow of a sect - in a free
 hall - in due time, there would
 be drawn around him a goodly

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number of earnest spirits. but
the very atmosphere of the Uni-
tarian Church seems tainted.
I do not like it - and would
not have engaged it for this
series, had we a snug hall in
Rochester - We do very much
need a Free Gospel in Rochester
and ^{if} only some one could labor
for a long time in faith that
good would surely come of it, we
might I am sure, see here the
hungering souls gathered together
to eat the fresh Manna of heaven.

But, Mr. Garrison, my
strongest motive in writing you
to ~~Might~~ ^{you} is, to ask you in
behalf of Aaron and myself
and our household, in particular,
and of the friends in general, to
visit us, on your return route

from Ohio. I hope you will
not fail to grant ^{us} the blessing
of a social visit at our "Farm
home. What a delight would it
be to have a quiet "set-down" in
our little parlors - not with 20
others, as when you made the at-
tempt on another occasion, but
with Aaron & our own family circle.

And then if only your dear
Florence, and Fannie, and Frankie
and Maudie & Willie, yes, and the
dear absent George could be
added to the circle, what an
increased joy - I do most ear-
nestly hope the good time is com-
ing when I may welcome Mr.
Garrison with you to my own
dear home - but until then, I
may rejoice most fully to learn
of the welfare of all through you -

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1st in order and importance is
the social visit - then, if you
can spare the time and strength
to speak to us on the great
question of questions, publicly -
on Sunday afternoon or evening
or both - or on a week day evening -
we feel that you would have
a good hearing - and the friends
would be specially delighted to
have you thus speak - It is a
long time since Rochester has
had any of the true Anti Slave
gospel preached in its Corinthian
Hall - If you can speak here
please say to me on what day
in time to advertise - and do
call & spend a day or more if possible
socially - My Father's Office is No. 3
Arcade Hall - he is down with carriage
every day - let me know what train you
will come on and I will meet you
at Depot - - Can you not

say to me, whether I may expect a visit from you, and about what days, before you leave Boston — Aaron intends to spend a week or more in Rochester after his last Sunday, Oct. 10th — and if you were going to be here would be delighted to accompany you east —

How I wish I could as an additional inducement, invite you to a feast of peaches, but sad to tell, our eight hundred trees give us not even a solitary hone peach this year —

With best love to Mrs. Garrison Fannie & Frankie, Wendie & Nellie, and the hope to see you at my own farm home ere long I am

Yours

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